# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6428
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SUPPLY OF GAS TO COAL BASED INDUSTRIES NEAR TAJ MAHAL
RAMJI LAL SUMAN;SUKDEO PASWAN

**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Supreme Court has directed to supply gas to the coal based industries in the surrounding areas of the Taj Mahal to protect it from pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the percentage of industries around the Taj to which gas is being supplied; and

(d) the time by which the remaining industries are likely to be supplied gas?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Hon`ble Supreme court in its order dated December 30, 1996 had directed the U.P. Pollution Control Board to issue notices to all polluting units including the coal based industries in the Taj Trapezium Zone (TTZ) to apply for gas allocation/relocation..

(c) & (d) Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) has created necessary infrastructure for gas supply to such industries in the TTZ. Against the total registered demand of 381 units in Agra and Ferozabad, GAIL is supplying gas to around 22% thereof covering 82 units. Gas supply to the remaining units will depend on their fulfilling the eligibility criteria and the availability of gas.